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**Eagle Scout is US Army Captain, 3rd  
Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Apache Attack  
Helicopters**

Eagle Scout Ryan McQueen from Troop 677 is a Captain in the 3rd Battalion of the 101st Aviation Regiment, U. S. Army. Captain McQueen received his Eagle from Troop 677 on August 31, 1994.

Captain McQueen graduated from Lafayette High School in 1995 where he was an outstanding scholar-athlete. He started as center for the Lafayette Football team and was on the wrestling team. He graduated 11th out of his class of 670, with a GPA of 4.67

Following graduation from Lafayette, Captain McQueen was appointed to the West Point Military Academy in West Point, New York.

While at West Point, he played football in the Sprint Football league. He lettered all four years in football while at West Point and was rated the best offensive player for his four year career. He was Company Commander of the Year in his Senior year for the third Regiment. To say the least, his academic and athletic career at West Point was outstanding, a continuation of his exceptional record at Lafayette High School.

Following graduation from West Point, Captain McQueen trained for 19 months to become an Apache Attack helicopter pilot. He became an Apache Platoon Leader with responsibilities for four Apache helicopters with 15 pilots (Warrant Officers) and 15 crew chiefs. He served 4 months overseas in Afghanistan as part of the war on terrorism.

Following his assignment as a Platoon Leader, Captain McQueen became the 3rd Battalion S4 Logistics Officer with responsibility for the Battalion's movements, convoys, resupply, and budgets.

To date (February 2003), Captain McQueen has 366 hours as an Apache helicopter pilot.

During late February or early March, Captain McQueen and the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky will leave the United States for the Central Command Area of Responsibility (Middle East and Northern Africa) under the command of General Tommy Franks, who is headquartered in Qatar.

When asked how his Eagle helped him with his military career, Captain McQueen replied "I learned at an early age about leadership and teamwork, the very skills that I use every day in my leadership role with the 101st Aviation Regiment. I used those skills throughout my years at West Point. In my current role, I have a large management job involving large teams of people and related equipment. I learned from Eagle project how to plan a major project, lead a team to complete the project, and deliver a finished product. Again, something I do every day for the U. S. Army. I wish I could remember more about the knots we learned because we use knots all the time with our equipment, like the tents that we set up. The Army is teaching us the same survival skills that I learned for my Wilderness Survival merit badge, skills that we will use if we are ever shot down and have to survive in enemy territory."

Captain McQueen looks forward to again serving his country overseas in the fight against terrorism. He says hello to all the Scouts in Troop 677 and encourages them to learn all they can from the Scouting program because the skills taught can be used in later life whether in or out of the military.

You can say hello to Captain McQueen by sending him an email at [ryanm99@yahoo.com](mailto:ryanm99@yahoo.com). There may be long periods of time when he doesn't have access to the Internet, but when he does, he appreciates hearing from those of us in St. Louis.